

# LOST IN NIAGARA! SHIVERY TITLE OF A CHORUS DRAMA

Miss Morris Says Miss Diamond Disappeared Over Falls With \$150 Ring.

FINALE BEFORE JUDGE.

But He Thinks Question One for Civil Courts, Though Theft Is Charge.

Advice from Yorkville Court to-day brings news that there have been tumults and plots and acrobatic feats behind the Hippodrome scenes almost as strenuous as were visible to the audience yesterday. Miss Sophie Diamond was summoned before Magistrate Keyran O'Connor to-day by Annie Morris, another member of the big chorus.

"She accused me of stealing a diamond ring. Your Honor," said Miss Morris, "there was worth \$150, and thus defamed my character and tried to put my job on the blank by me to Mr. Burnside, the manager, about me, and she ran after me down the dressing room stairs and across the stage and into Niagara Falls, and from there to the earthquake, calling out that I—"

"Pardon me," interrupted Magistrate O'Connor, "but did you say Niagara Falls and an earthquake?"

"And Besides?"

"Um-duck, scenery." Miss Morris continued breathlessly, "and all the girls got to cheering, and asking what the matter was, and everybody in the place was saying that I was a thief and had stolen Miss Diamond's ring, which I didn't want as a gift, for I had no more good opinion of it than I did for the party which wore it, and besides—"

"Yes, yes," said the Magistrate, raising his hand. "How about this, Miss Diamond?"

Miss Diamond, who is about as big as a pepper shaker, obviously felt the opportunity had arrived for her to show that she was too good an emotional actress for the chorus. With a dignity which seemed to double her stature she swept forward and pointed an accusing finger at Miss Morris.

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"The dressing room girls were low," she thrilled. "There was a light only at the make-up shelf. But I saw her, Annie Morris, sitting in a corner. I put up my hand to turn up the light. As I did so she, Annie Morris, slipped out of the door."

"I looked for my ring. It was gone. 'Annie Morris is trying to show off after hard years on the stage,'" said Mr. \$250. "It was worth. Gone. I cried out in my agony. And then she came in by another entrance, she did, Annie Morris."

"Dear me," she said. "How glad I am I was not present in the room when the ring disappeared."

"'False! You were here. I saw you! And I believe that if you were stripped I should yet find your ring.' She ran and I pursued. For I meant to tear her costume from her to the last stitch. But she lost me in the darkness, and I went to the police, and they said I couldn't prove it by searching her, them, even if she did have witnesses here to prove that she was in the dressing room when she said she was not."

**Jumped for Chair.**

Two comedy young persons, also of the big theatre balls, Miss Helen Ward and Miss Margaret Cohen, nodded their heads violently and jumped for the witness chair.

Quicker than that was Magistrate O'Connor. "Case dismissed," said he. "Take it to a civil court. Next case?" "Where's the press agent?" asked

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the court reporters, who had been expecting him to appear in the proceedings at any moment.  
"We appear here as ladies, not professionals," said Miss Diamond haughtily.  
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